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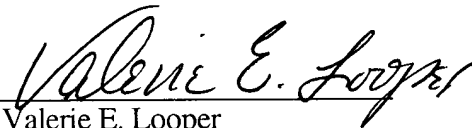
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Letter

The Applicants respectfully request a meeting with the Practice Specialist, the Supervisory Examiner, and the Examiner in the referenced case. The Examiner has refused to examine the claimed invention.

Enclosed are 1) an office action bearing a mail date of 12/31/02, an election by the applicants, restriction requirement, copy of the claims as filed, and parent patent USPN 6,420,176. The Examiner has deleted elements from the Claims that distinguish over the prior art, and examined the claims as if they belonged to the parent application, then added a double patenting rejection over the parent application, despite the Applicant's clear statement that all the claimed elements are essential to the invention.

Respectfully Submitted,


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